

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

It's time that the FCC did their job properly and defended the PUBLIC airwaves. The broadcasting spectrum is not there for Sinclair or anyone else to use except at the sufferance of the public.

I think it is time that the FCC took strong action. Sinclair has abrogated the public trust. They should have their broadcasting license revoked permanently. They do not represent the public trust anymore.

Thank you.